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REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are presently pending. The Examiner indicated that Claims 2-14, 16-19 and 21-24 were allowable and that Claims 1, 15 and 20 would be allowable if amended to overcome the indefiniteness rejection set forth in the Office Action.

Amendments to the claims are discussed below. No new matter has been added herewith. The following addresses the substance of the Office Action.

Indefiniteness

Claims 1, 15 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. In particular, recitation in Claims 1 and 15 of “a lower alkyl methacrylate polymer” was objected to because the term “lower” is a relative term. The Examiner indicated that Applicant should include a definite carbon atom range. Applicant has amended Claims 1 and 15 by replacing the term “lower” with “C₁-C₄,” for which written support is provided at page 8, lines 10-11 of the specification as filed. This amendment does not alter the scope of the claims in any way since the amendment simply replaces the term “lower” for the term “C₁-C₄,” which is defined as an equivalent term in the specification. As such, the amendment is made for reasons unrelated to patentability. In addition, Claims 3, 18 and 19 are similarly and proactively amended to replace the term “lower” with “C₁-C₄.”

In Claim 20, the former dependencies on Claim 19 and Claim 8 were found to be contradictory. The Applicant has amended Claim 20 to depend only from Claim 19 and to add the further limitation “wherein the second primer solution further comprises a rust inhibitor.”

In view of the amendments to the claims, the Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph be withdrawn.

No Disclaimers or Disavowals

Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, Applicant is not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including

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subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that Applicant has made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

CONCLUSION

In view of Applicants' amendments to the Claims and the foregoing Remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns which might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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